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1. SUMMARY: INDONESIAN PRESS COMMENT ON UNCTAD IV THUS FAR LIMITED TO EDITORIALS IN KOMPAS AND MERDEKA STRESSING NEED FOR LDC SOLIDARITY. AFP REPORT ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY WIDJOJO'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RESOURCE BANK PROPOSAL ALSO CARRIED IN LOCAL PAPERS. END SUMMARY.

2. KOMPAS, THE LEADING MODERATE DAILY, IN EDITORIAL MAY 5 NOTED POLARIZATION OF DC'S AND LDC'S, LACK OF CONCRETE PROGRESS IN OTHER FORUMS TO DATE, AND FRUSTRATION AMONG LDC'S. INDONESIA FOLLOWS A "LOW PROFILE APPROACH," UNLIKE ALGERIA'S "SCREAMING" TACTICS. NEVERTHELESS INDONESIA SUPPORTS GROUP OF 77 SOLIDARITY AND WANTS CONCRETE PROGRESS IN SUCH MATTERS AS COMMON COMMODITY FUND AND FAIRER TERMS OF TRADE FOR INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS OF LDC'S. UNCTAD IV WOULD BE "TEST OF LDC SOLIDARITY" AND "COLLECTIVE SELF RELIANCE," KOMPAS SAID.

3. MILITANT EDITORIAL IN NATIONALIST MERDEKA MAY 8 PRAISED
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MARCOS PROPOSAL AT UNCTAD FOR NEW THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM

AND REJECTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APPEAL FOR COOPERATION, RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN BLOCS. EDITORIAL SAID COOPERATION HAS FAILED IN PAST BECAUSE OF MANIPULATION AND CONTROL OF WORLD ECONOMY BY DC'S AT EXPENSE OF POOR COUNTRIES; THEREFORE, THERE IS NO ECONOMIC "DETENTE" BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS, AND LATTER CAN CREATE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ONLY BY A UNITED STRUGGLE AGAINST DC'S.

4. JAKARTA PRESS ALSO CARRIED BRIEF AFP REPORT FROM NAIROBI MAY 10 THAT GOI MINISTER OF ECONOMY WIDJOJO AND LEADER OF INDONESIAN DELEGATION AT UNCTAD CRITIZED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK. ACCORDING REPORT, WIDJOJO TOLD CONFERENCE U.S. PROPOSAL WAS RELATED TO INVESTMENT AND RELIABILITY OF SUPPLIES, SAYING "IT IS OF CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE THAT SUCH PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE FROM THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES AS FORMULATED BY THOSE WHO ARE CONTINUOSLY CONFRONTED WITH THESE PROBLEMS -- THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES."
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